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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SANI SIDO

1. IN TERSE STATEMENT GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED DEATH AT AGADEZ JUNE 14 OF SANI SIDO, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND PERSONAL CHALLENGER TO KOUM CHE WHO HAD BEEN IN DETENTION THERE SINCE AUGUST 1975. ANNOUNCEMENT GIVES NO DETAILS ABOUT CIRCUMSTANCES OF SANI'S DEATH EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING THE FOLLOWING DAY. MINISTER OF INFORMATION HAS TOLD EMBOOF THAT SAMI WAS, IN FACT, EPILEPTIC AND DIED DURING SEIZURE. MIN SAID SEIZURES HAD BECOME MORE FREQUENT AS SANI'S DEPRESSION MOUNTED DURING MONTHLY CONFINEMENT AND THAT GOVERNMENT HAD MADE PROVISION FOR HIS CONSTANT MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE. DISCUSSION OF SANI'S DEATH BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD FOCUSED ON QUESTION OF WHY DOCTOR--A EUROPEAN--HAD APPARENTLY NOT BEEN PRESENT AT MOMENT OF CRISIS.

2. MEANWHILE, KOUNTCHE LEFT NIAMEY JUNE 16 FOR TOUR IF INTERIOR WHICH HAS HIM IN AGADEZ TODAY. PRESIDENT'S TRIP COUPLED WITH GINGERLY WAY GOVERNMENT HAS HANDLED NEWS OF DEATH AND PERIODIC RUMORS OVER LAST FEW MONTHS ABOUT SANI'S ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE MIGHT POSSIBLY FUEL SPECULATION
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THAT THERE IS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE IN FORMER VICE PRESIDENT'S DEMISE. BUT THERE IS NOTHING TANGIBLE POINTING IN THIS DIRECTION. DAVISON

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